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Title : NOVEL CONSTRUCTS FOR CONTROLLED EXPRESSION
OF RECOMBINANT PROTEINS IN PROKARYOTIC CELLS

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As soon as the Serial No. and Filing Date have been accorded
the above-identified application, kindly enter the following
amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1: Kindly amend as follows:

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Method for producing a recombinant protein [of interest
whose gene] wherein a gene encoding the protein is placed under
the control of the Ptrp tryptophan operon promoter, [characterized
in that it] wherein the method comprises the following steps:

- a) transforming a prokaryotic cell with a vector containing a
nucleic acid sequence which is capable of inactivating the
gene encoding a TnaA tryptophanase when said nucleic acid
sequence is introduced into said host cell, and integrating
said sequence into the DNA of said host cell; and before-
hand, subsequently or simultaneously, introducing into said
prokaryotic cell 'all[,] or part[,] of the sequence of a
promoter which is followed, in the 3' position, by a

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